the time of payment of compensation;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) by when such a response team of experts would be formed to rush to the site of accident whenever exigencies arise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK); (a) No, Sir. Investigations of aircraft accidents are done under the relevant provisions of the Aircraft Rules, 1937.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Civil Aviation Training Academy

1945. SHRI RG. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Civil Aviation Training Academy in southern part of the country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Palace on Air

1946. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a "Palace on Air" with seventy seater aircraft for taking international tourists to the State of Rajasthan at a cost of Rs. 1500 crores;

(b) whether Government have assessed its financial viability;

(c) how much it would cost to an international tourist;

(d) the details of countries from which Government anticipate the visitors; and

(e) by when such a project is likely to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

N.K. Singh Committee Report on FDI in Civil Aviation Sector

1947. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the N.K. Singh Committee report on raising the Foreign Direct Investment limit to 49 per cent in civil aviation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Steering Committee on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), which was constituted by the Planning Commission, has recommended enhancement of FDI limit in domestic airlines sector from 40% to 49%.

(c) Does not arise.

Landing of Sahara Aircraft on wrong taxi track

1948. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL
AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news appearing in the Hindu, Delhi dated the 27th September, 2002 captioned "Private airlines on the wrong track";

(b) if so, the reasons for keeping the apex regulatory body in dark about August 10 incident involving an Air Sahara Boeing 737 on wrong taxi track; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check such incidents involving private airlines especially Sahara and Jet Airways in future?